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UNIT : JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, [illegible]
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1. MISSION 9027 LAUNCHED ON SCHEDULE 5 NOVEMBER AND ACHIEVED ORBIT. HOWEVER, ECCENTRICITY OF ORBIT AND LOSS OF CONTROL GAS FOLLOWING PASS SIX HAS PRODUCED COMPLETELY DIFFERENT TRACT FROM PLANNED. PASSES AVERAGING SIX MINUTES LATE EACH TIME RESULTING IN DISPLACEMENT OF TRACK IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THIRD DAYS TRACK ACHIEVED ON FIRST DAYS ORBIT.

2. RECOVERY WILL BE ATTEMPTED ON PASS 31 AT 07/2215Z. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE WITHIN SOCALLED HAWAIIAN ISLANDS RECOVERY BALLPARK, BUT AT THIS TIME NO WAY OF TELLING WHETHER GROUND COMMAND TO VEHICLE CAN BE EFFECTIVE SINCE ATTITUDE OF VEHICLE AT TIME RECOVERY WILL COVERN SUCCESS. IF WE DO GET IT BACK, WE WILL HAVE A GOOD MANY TARGETS WE HAD NOT EXPECTED. FOLLOWING PASS SIX CAMERA WAS TURNED ON AND LEFT RUNNING SINCE NORMAL TAKE-REJECT SYSTEM MEANINGLESS IN VIEW UNPROGRAMED TRACK. 75 PERCENT OF FILM SHOULD BE EXPENDED ON 31ST PASS. WILL ADVISE.

END OF MESSAGE

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JAMES A. CUNNINGHAM, JR.
ASST CH/EPD

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